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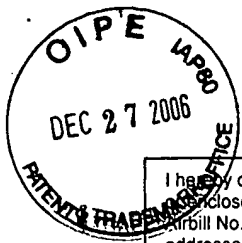
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 28 September 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 28 December 2006. The examined claims, claims 20-34 and 37-40 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.